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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. 10/784,606 Application Number REQUEST 2/23/2004 FOR Filing Date CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Frank DIMEO, et al. First Named Inventor TRANSMITTAL 2856 Art Unit Address to: Mail Stop RCE Jacques M. Saint Surin Examiner Name Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 2771-546-CIP1 Attorney Docket Number Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such a. X Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_ Other Consider the IDS filed on December 6, 2005 | x | íi. b. X Enclosed Information Disclosure Statement (iDS) iii. X Amendment/Reply Other Response to November 30, 2005 Office Action Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 2. Miscelianeous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a \_\_\_months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 3. Fees a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_08-3284 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. X Other <u>Deficiencies only in fees due and payable</u> Check in the amount of \$ \_ c. X Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED 46,182 Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Vincent K. Gustafsgn Name (Print/Type) Date | December 30, 2005 Signature CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION Thereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or facsimize transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below XO84x Maria Joanna Josiyn Date December 30, 2005 Name (Print/Type) Signature

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